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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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<p>2. FURTHER ACTION</p> <p>If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.</p> <p>If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.</p> <p>For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.</p>																																																																																																																															
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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 the international application in the language in which it was filed
 the translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (Rule 12.3(a) and 23.1(b)).
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4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V **Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	YES	
	Claims	1-13	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	YES	
	Claims	1-13	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	YES	
	Claims	1-13	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: WO 00/43294 A (HARTNESS INT INC [US]) 27 July 2000
(2000-07-27) mentioned in the application

D2: GB-A-2 300 613 (FERAG AG [CH]) 13 November 1996
(1996-11-13)

D3: WO 97/09257 A (SWEDEFISH MACHINERY AB [SE]; PERSSON AGNE [FI]) 13 March 1997 (1997-03-13)

Lack of Novelty

The present application does not meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(1) since the subject matter of claim 1 is not novel (PCT Article 33(2)).

Document D1 describes (the references between parentheses [] apply to this document):

an apparatus (V1) for storing articles (G), having two conveying paths (F1, F2) which can be driven in opposite directions, and having a transfer arrangement (2) which can be displaced along these conveying paths and is intended for transferring articles between the two conveying paths

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[see figure 1], characterized by at least one functional control means (41 to 51; 53, 54) which monitors the apparatus (V1) [see page 10, lines 3 to 8 and page 24, lines 3 to 6].

The same arguments apply to D2 and D3.

Lack of Inventive Step

D1 is not novel and, for this reason, the present application does not meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(1) and the subject matter of claim 1 does not involve an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)).

Dependent Claims

Dependent claims 2-13 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the PCT requirements of novelty and/or inventive step, see documents D1 to D3 and the corresponding passages in the text cited in the search report.

In particular claim 3: in D3, see figure 1, feature 16 (shunt) moves and has a control means (detecting means). The same arguments apply to D2.